

June 3, 2005

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(TAC NOS. MC4705 AND MC4706)

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If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-4018.

Sincerely,
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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In your 90-day response to GL 2004-02, you indicated that you intend to use future test results, industry guidance, and NRC guidance to account for chemical precipitants in your evaluation and their availability will impact the schedule for performing an evaluation. The cooperative NRC-Electric Power Research Institute tests in progress at the University of New Mexico are designed to determine if chemical effects occur, but are not designed to measure head loss associated with any chemical effects. The staff notes that some chemical effects have been observed in the initial three tests.

In your 90-day response to GL 2004-02, you also indicated that you intend to use industry owners' group guidance and component manufacturer data to evaluate long-term performance degradation of downstream susceptible components caused by debris-laden fluid and their availability will impact the schedule for performing an evaluation.

For both of these issues, you stated the evaluation may occur after the September 1, 2005, response due date, depending on the schedule for testing and the availability of industry guidance. This is contrary to the information request in GL 2004-02, which requests that chemical and downstream effects be addressed in the September 1, 2005, response. This delay is also contrary to the staff's position that there are sufficient bases to address sump vulnerability to chemical effects and that the September response will be incomplete if the evaluation is incomplete, the design is not complete, or there is no schedule for upgrades. In this light, within 45 days, please provide a discussion of your plans and schedule for evaluating chemical effects and the long-term downstream effects. In addition, please provide a discussion of any plans for performing testing to support your evaluation of these effects.

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